Supposed JFK Bullet Stirs Fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — An FBI spokesman says some compromise can be worked out in a squabble between the FBI and congressional investigators involving a newly-disclosed bullet allegedly found near the place where President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

But the spokesman, Homer Boynton, said he did not know what solution the FBI would propose to the House assassinations committee which is complaining that the FBI plans to test the bullet without consulting the committee.

A semiretired Dallas night watchman, R. H. "Dick" Lester, 59, said he found the bullet two years ago near the assassination site but did not turn it over to the FBI until last Nov. 30.

The FBI had asked the National Archives, which stores materials related to the Kennedy assassination, for original test bullets to find out if Lester's bullet was fired by Lee Harvey Oswald's gun.

The FBI says the Lester bullet cannot be tested without the original test bullets that were fired by FBI experts from Oswald's gun after the assassination.

But the House committee's chief counsel, Richard A. Sprague, said he was surprised the FBI would request the original test bullets from the archives before consulting the committee. Sprague wrote to FBI Director Clarence Kelley that the committee should have been consulted "so that the matter could be handled on a joint cooperative basis."

Acting Chief Archivist James E. O'Neill says he won't turn the test bullets over to the FBI until some solution to the dispute is worked out with the committee.

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